

House Resolution 214

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint House and Senate All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Study Committee; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, all-terrain vehicles have become tremendously popular throughout Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, there continue to be an alarming number of injuries and deaths in Georgia
5 related to ATV accidents; and

6 WHEREAS, many young people in Georgia are particularly vulnerable to ATV accidents;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, despite repeated calls for more safety features and warnings on ATVs the
9 manufacturers have not responded sufficiently; and

10 WHEREAS, the unrestricted use of ATVs on public roads and highways has become a threat
11 to all Georgians using the roads or highways; and

12 WHEREAS, accordingly, education as to the proper and safe use of ATVs is of great
13 importance in order to protect the citizens of this state, particularly the children.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint House and Senate All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety
16 Study Committee to be composed of the following members: one member of the House of
17 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member
18 of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments; and one member
19 from the Attorney General's office who is knowledgeable regarding motor vehicle laws in
20 this state. The Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the committee as
21 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, challenges, and opportunities mentioned above or related thereto and shall
3 develop and recommend legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate to
4 address such issues. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such
5 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively
6 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
7 The committee will endeavor to reach all of the citizens of this state by scheduling at least
8 one meeting in south Georgia, at least one meeting in central Georgia, and at least one
9 meeting in north Georgia. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the
10 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall
11 receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized; and the
12 nonlegislative member of the committee shall serve without compensation. Except as
13 otherwise provided in this resolution, the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
14 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
15 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, such
16 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished
17 on December 31, 2005.